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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION (re Restriction Requirement)

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in Response to the Office Action mailed September 4, 2003, for the above-captioned patent application. This response is submitted on or before January 5, 2004 (January 4, 2004, being a Sunday), together with a request for a three(3)-month extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the requisite fee, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). In connection with the above-captioned application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter and consider the following amendment and remarks.